



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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August 8, 2006 Primary and November 7, 2006 General Election:
Important Dates

Refer to Michigan election law (MCL 168.1-992) for cited provisions. Dates are subject to change through legislative action. If any errors are found, it is the law, itself, which must be followed.

Election Dates

Aug. 8	State Primary
Nov. 7	State General Election

Registration Deadlines

Jul. 10	Last day to register for August primary. (168.498)
Oct. 10	Last day to register for November general election. (168.498)

Filing Deadlines: Candidates

By 5:00 p.m., Mar. 27	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 30. (168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., May 2	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 5. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., May 16	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 19. (168.624, 624a)

By 4:00 p.m., May 16	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 19.
By 5:00 p.m., Jul. 5	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Candidacy for the November general election. (168.392a)
By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 20	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Jul. 24. (168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., Aug. 4	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., Nov. 3	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (168.737a)

Filing Deadlines: New Parties and State Ballot Proposals

By 5:00 p.m., May 31	Petitions to place a legislative initiative proposal on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (254,206 valid signatures required). (168.471)
By 5:00 p.m., Jul. 10	Petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (317,757 valid signatures required). (168.471)
By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 20	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (31,776 valid signatures required). (168.685)

Filing Deadlines: County and Local Proposals

By May 16	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By May 30	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)

By Aug. 15

Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)

By Aug. 29

Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)